

**Notes of the Participation Partnership Meeting  
10.30a.m, Tuesday 11 October  
Council Suite 2, NISCC, Belfast**



**Members at the meeting:**

Geraldine Campbell (Chair)  
Rionach Campbell  
Brenda Maitland  
Anne Mallon  
Maria Somerville  
Lee Wilson

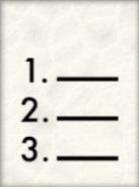
**Present:**

Mark Bradley, NISCC  
Brenda Horgan, NISCC

Maureen Martin (note taker), NISCC

**Apologies:**

Neil Irvine  
Audrey Montgomery  
Joanne Sansome  
Gerard McWilliams

Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	<p>Geraldine welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
Item	Apologies	Action
<p><b>apologies</b></p> 	<p>Apologies were given from Audrey, Joanne, Neil and Gerard.</p>	
Item	Notes of the last meeting	Action
	<p>The notes of the last meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved pending the following amendments.</p> <p>Item on Synergy, paragraph 6:</p> <p>To be amended to reflect the discussion had promoted NISCC staff to visit service users and carers in their own homes/environment as opposed to them visiting staff at NISCC office.</p>	
Item	Matters Arising	Action
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quarterly Participation Partnership newsletter to Council to be circulated to members for information. Brenda H noted the benefit of contribution from members with items and proofreading and advised that the next copy of the newsletter would be required for the 1<sup>st</sup> February Council meeting.</li> <li>2. A copy of finalised book chapter contribution will be circulated to members for information</li> <li>3. Capacity Building event- Geraldine noted that the planned Capacity Building event on 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> October has now been postponed to the New Year as these dates were not suitable for the majority of members.</li> </ol>	<p><b>MM</b></p> <p><b>MM/BH</b></p>
Item	Update from Chair	Action
	<p>Geraldine updated members on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Geraldine reported that a first draft of the NISCC</li> </ol>	

	<p>Corporate Plan is being worked on. Council members recently attended a Corporate Plan workshop with Rob Rae and SMT and their input is reflected in this draft. The Corporate Plan may need to go out to consultation and will be circulated to members for discussion at the next meeting. It is expected to formally go to Council in February 2017 before being sent to the Department of Health for approval.</p> <p>2. Members agreed the proposed change of date of the next Participation Partnership meeting from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December. The suggested venue is the Lisburn Civic centre and the agenda for the day will include a work planning element. This would also allow members to enjoy a group Christmas lunch. The change in date and venue of the next Participation Partnership meeting to be circulated to all members.</p>	MM
Item	Update from Members	Action
	<p>Anne reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne had been a member of a shortlisting panel for a Care Coordinator post in the Southern Trust. Panel members had noted in particular the volume of applicants who were already NISCC registered. Following a brief overview of the role of Care Coordinator, it was suggested that it may be useful to liaise with the Coordinators for improved networking contacts. It was felt this may assist in the recruitment of new Participation Partnership members. Members discussed the lack of remuneration as an area of concern in the recruitment of new members. It was felt that appropriate remuneration would help to make volunteers feel more valued as well as compensating them for their time and commitment .</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: to be added as an agenda item for further discussion at the next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maria reported that Phase 1 of the Social Work Strategy was recently reviewed and status assessed with Phase 2 to commence shortly. Maria noted that the Professional Forum and the Citizens' Forum have now been combined and</li> </ul>	MM

	<p>she feels that this will be a more effective group with more commitment to coproduction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria reported on her involvement in a campaign to reduce bureaucracy in the LAC ( Looked after Children) process for the parents of disabled children entering respite . The current LAC process which requires all children entering the care process, including respite care, is believed to be disproportionate and stigmatising with an emphasis on paperwork. The campaign was undertaken to address these issues and has led to an Innovation Scheme pilot to be launched in respite units in the Belfast and South Eastern Trusts, which is waiting on departmental approval. 10 families will be involved in the scheme, which aims to take a less formal approach to entering respite care. Previous consultation has taken place with the families of disabled children to gain their input and experience as well as RQIA, to ensure that all required standards are being met.</li> <li>• Maria informed the group on her involvement in 9 month quality improvement programme, which has been rolled out by the South Eastern Trust. The programme invited 22 Social Workers to examine how they could improve on small elements of their day to day work and how they could then spread these changes throughout their organisations.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item</b></p>	<p><b>PPI eLearning Module for HSC staff- demonstration</b></p>	
	<p>This item has been postponed to the next Participation Partnership meeting due to technical difficulties logging onto eLearning website.</p>	

Item	Update on the Roll Out of Registration Roadshows	
 <p data-bbox="167 401 350 474"> <b>Registering with NISCC</b>  <i>What you need to know</i> </p>	<p data-bbox="462 308 1240 449">Professional Advisor, Diane Boyle, presented information to members on the roll out of registration of Day Care, Domiciliary Care and Supported Living workers.</p> <p data-bbox="462 491 1240 743">Diane showed the PowerPoint presentation that is currently used at the Registration roll out roadshows which gives a clear overview on the reasons why compulsory registration is being introduced; why it is of benefit to workers and how the Standards of Conduct and Practice will support their work and help to professionalise the workforce.</p> <p data-bbox="462 785 1260 1037">Diane reported very positive feedback from the roadshows with the majority of attendees supporting and understanding the introduction of NISCC regulation and registration. It was also felt that the increased engagement with the workforce has assisted to promote the work of NISCC and encourage future collaboration and input from the social careworkers.</p> <p data-bbox="462 1079 1227 1184">Some members suggested that they could also attend the roadshows to give their personal experience and perspective as a service user or carer.</p> <p data-bbox="462 1226 1230 1367">For the benefit of members who were unable to attend the previous presentation, Diane gave a brief recap on the NISCC Synergy Project which is aimed to improve communication, understanding and service quality.</p> <p data-bbox="462 1409 1214 1478">Diane is coordinating the trial placements of staff in 3 settings:</p> <p data-bbox="462 1520 1198 1654">           Kilcreggan Supported Living- Carrickfergus            MindWise- Day Care services            South Eastern Trust- Domiciliary Care management team         </p> <p data-bbox="462 1696 1256 1875">The aim of the project is to allow NISCC staff who are mainly office based to engage with service users, carers and social care workers in their environment and to gain a better understanding of their day to day life and challenges . This experience may help NISCC staff to</p>	

	<p>fully understand their own role and the overarching work and impact of NISCC.</p> <p>Brenda M suggested that it may be beneficial for Council members to be offered and opportunity to participate in one of the project areas and noted the importance of trying to hold NISCC events in a venue that is relevant to service users/carers.</p> <p><b>Action: Geraldine to raise suggestion for Council members to participate in Synergy Project at the Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October.</b></p> <p>Geraldine and members thanked Diane for her informative presentations .</p>	GC
Item	<b>Review of Civil and Family Justice: The review groups draft report on Family Justice</b>	
	<p>Brenda H informed members that she had been asked to provide a response from NISCC on the Review of Civil and Family Justice: The review groups draft report on Family Justice. Brenda H had reviewed the report and provided a summary to the group on the key findings and recommendations.</p> <p>Brenda H noted that from a Social Work perspective, the report would be of most relevant to those involved around children in Care. A response from NISCC would reflect support of the overall review of the Family Justice system including the elements around Social Work training. This area may be linked to the NISCC Standards ensuring Social Workers are operating within their scope of proficiency and practice.</p> <p>Group discussion took place around the current formality of courts and the need for early intervention/prevention with the following noted for follow up by Brenda H:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason for choice of “heartbeat” organisations listed in report</li> <li>• Level of court training for Social Workers in degree course</li> </ul> <p>Brenda H will provide a response to the report including the feedback from the group discussion.</p> <p>Geraldine thanked Brenda for her presentation and</p>	

	review of the report.	
<b>Item</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
<b>AOB</b> ..... .....	No further business was discussed	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 ( amended date from 26 <sup>th</sup> November)	